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SUBJECT: SOVIET-AUSTRALIAN CONVERSATION ON INDIAN OCEAN  
NEGOTIATIONS

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DEPARTMENT PROVIDED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER AUGUST 10  
WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTS, ADDITIONAL TO THOSE NOTED REFTEL,  
ON RECENT AUSTRALIAN-SOVIET CONVERSATIONS. BEGIN QUOTE:

1. ANZUS DISCUSSION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TALKS. WE AGREE  
COMPLETELY WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT THAT THE STATE-  
MENT IN THE ANZUS COMMUNIQUE THAT "AN INDIAN OCEAN  
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AGREEMENT MUST NOT DETRACT FROM THE ANZUS ALLIANCE" WAS  
INTENDED TO INDICATE THAT NO CONTRADICTION WAS ANTICIPATED  
AND THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF ANZUS WOULD BE FULLY MAINTAINED.

2. SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE HORN AND THE INDIAN OCEAN.  
MENDELEVICH'S DEFENSE OF SOVIET ACTIONS AND POLICIES WAS  
VERY SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS HE HAS MADE AT THE

NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO MENDELEVICH THAT WE REJECT HIS CLAIMS THAT SOVIET NAVAL FORCE LEVELS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN HAD NOT INCREASED IN RESPONSE TO EVENTS IN

THE HORN, AND THAT SOVIET PRESENCE WAS AT OR BELOW THE AVERAGE LEVEL OF THE PAST 5 YEARS. WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT METHOD THE SOVIETS ARE USING TO CALCULATE AVERAGE LEVELS WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY SUCH CLAIMS.

3. GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF THE ANZUS ALLIANCE. WE CONCUR WITH THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF THE ALLIANCE. WE DO NOT THINK IT DESIRABLE TO SAY ANYTHING FURTHER TO THE SOVIETS ON THIS MATTER. WE SHOULD AVOID SOVIET EFFORTS TO LEAD US INTO SPECIFYING A GEOGRAPHIC AREA WITHIN WHICH ANZUS COMMITMENTS APPLY.

4. ANZUS MILITARY EXERCISES. IF ASKED BY THE SOVIETS ABOUT THE PLANNED ANZUS MILITARY EXERCISE OFF THE WESTERN COAST OF AUSTRALIA, WE INTEND TO REPLY ALONG THE SAME LINES USED BY AMBASSADOR BOURCHIER. WE DO NOT THINK THE SOVIETS WILL ACTIVELY PURSUE THIS ISSUE, SINCE WE ARE ON RECORD AS STATING THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT EXERCISES WITH LITTORAL STATES UNDER A STABILIZATION AGREEMENT.

5. STATUS OF COCKBURN SOUND. HOPEFULLY, THE AMBASSADOR'S  
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COMMENTS ON THE STATUS OF COCKBURN SOUND WILL MINIMIZE FUTURE SOVIET QUERIES ON THIS ISSUE. MENDELEVICH SEEMED TO BE FISHING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF OTHER FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA. WE DO NOT THINK IT DESIRABLE TO REPLY TO HIS QUERIES.

6. STRATEGIC FORCES. MENDELEVICH'S STATEMENT THAT AN AGREEMENT WOULD PROHIBIT THE DEPLOYMENT OF ALL STRATEGIC FORCES REFLECTS THE SOVIET POSITION WHICH HAS BEEN REJECTED BY THE US. MOREOVER, THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE NEVER DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF ANY LITTORAL STATE ISSUING A DECLARATION THAT IT WOULD NOT MAKE ITS FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE STRATEGIC FORCES OF THE US OR THE SOVIET UNION. THE US OPPOSES THIS IDEA.

7. THE US APPRECIATES AUSTRALIA'S SHARING WITH US THE RESULTS OF AUSTRALIAN-SOVIET CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING THE INDIAN OCEAN. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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